

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicants: | Young et al.             | ) | Art Unit:  | 1744                |
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| For:        | METHOD FOR STERILIZATION | ) |            |                     |
|             | USING ETHYLENE OXIDE     | ) |            |                     |
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| Attorney    |                          | ) |            |                     |
| Docket No.: | 34382-60266              | ) |            |                     |

**AMENDMENT B AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Please charge any and all fees due or owing to Direct Deposit Account No. 502035.

Responsive to the Official Office Action mailed September 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request re-examination, reconsideration, and allowance of claims 1-8, 10-16, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-16. Please cancel claim 9.

The claims are attached herein on separate sheets.